

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Mr. Alexander Graham Bell. Jan 1877. Dear Alec:

I am alone again, once more fear to do as I chose. Everyone is in bed and should be sinking into slumbers arms — whats the line, “Eve slumber's chair has bound me” — The line that follows is so good I think, “Fond memory brings the light of other days around us” — for then, I at least do think most of the past. Well a roundabout way of saying I must take this opportunity to tell you that though I could not tell you so, my heart has been with you wishing you joy in todays success. You have worked hard and long faithfully telling when other men rest and your reward is coming at last. My darling, the joy of seeing long cherished ideas realised I can but faintly imagine. How dissatisfied at the shortness of your visit, I wish I had been by your side in that moment of triumph but I thought it was going to be a semi-public trial and did not like to go alone and had no one to go with me. The end is very very near now isn't it, a little more patience and work and then you can rest, how glad I shall be. Have you written to Papa about it. Were the Detroit gentlemen there?

You keep up your memorandum book faithfully don't you? O if you had only been able to tell no more, but I did not like to ask as Cousin Mary does not care for it, nor believe much. Nevermind she is kindness itself in spite of all and she will soon be convinced and I believe and believe with all my heart. I do think you might tell me the sooniest thing and I should never doubt you.

I am so thankful for your sake and I am not married yet, there are so many things I must know first. Send no cut those books. I will study them, as never before.

You will be careful darling, I am so frightened every time I see 2 you, Cousin Mary too thinks you ought not to be going around so. You say your foot is only weak, that is the very

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danger. You will use it over much and hinder it's recovery. I don't think your ankle more serious than it is, I only dread your making it so by using it when still weak. Cousin Mary was